## STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all children in Arizona should have access to the highest-quality education possible;

**WHEREAS,** citizens across Arizona agree that continuing to improve the quality of education is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

**WHEREAS,** Arizona recognizes the essential role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is a national leader in fostering education options for families, including Open Enrollment, Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA), or School Tuition Organization (STO) scholarships; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has celebrated over 25 years of success through public charter school education, with over 550 public charter schools and more than 210,000 students enrolled, which make up approximately 20 percent of Arizona's public school enrollment; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that providing children with multiple education options improves academic performance; and

**WHEREAS,** School Choice Week is a national celebration recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders to raise public awareness of the importance of effective education options for children.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 23 – 29, 2022, as

## ARIZONA SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Twentieth day of December in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One and of the Independence of the United States of America

the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

SECRETARY OF STATE